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PATENT APPLICATION
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): Dennis A. Borugian

For (Title): **SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED TRAILER
UNCOUPLING**

This new application is for a(n):

Original Design Divisional
 Continuation Continuation-in-part (CIP)

Papers enclosed are:

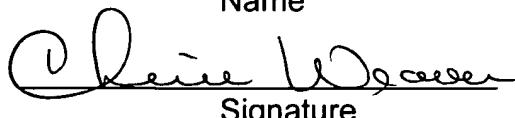
26 Pages of Specification
 4 Pages of Claims
 1 Pages of Abstract
 10 Sheets of Drawings (formal/ informal)
 Preliminary Amendment
 Information Disclosure Statement
 Other
 Declaration or Oath (executed by inventor(s))
 Applicant is a Small Entity
 Assignment to Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.
 Cover sheet for Assignment accompanying new patent application

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I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date March 6, 2002 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL860973460US addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Claim For Benefit of Prior US Provisional Application - 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

XXX The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior US provisional application(s) :

60/332,660 November 19, 2001
Provisional Application Number Filing Date

Relate Back--35 U.S.C. 120

 The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application. Amend the Specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This is a

- continuation
- continuation-in-part
- divisional

of copending application(s)

 serial number _____ filed on _____

Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

 the same.

Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

 A petition, fee and response extends the term in the pending prior application until _____.

 A copy of the petition filed in prior application is attached.

Abandonment of Prior Application (if applicable)

 Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application copending with said prior application.

Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS FILED				
Number filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee	
			\$740.00	
Total				
Claims	23	-20= 3	x \$18.00= 54.00	
Independent				
Claims	4	- 3= 1	x \$84.00= 84.00	
Multiple				
Dependent Claim(s), if any			\$280.00=	

Total Filing Fee Calculation \$ 878.00

 Design Application Filing Fee Calculation \$

 Filing Fee for a Small Entity (50%) \$

XX Fee for Recording Assignment (\$40) \$ 40.00

XX Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 918.00

 Charge Deposit Account No. 23-0630 in the amount of

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